GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3450
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2002
DIRECTONS BY CAUVERY RIVER AUTHORITY TO KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT
T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cauvery River Authority had issued directions inthe recent past to the Government of Karnataka to ensure inflow of water at Mettur as stipulated by the tribunal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the State Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) After taking note of the drought conditions in the Cauvery basin in both the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu,the Cauvery River Authority directed the Government of Karnataka to ensure inflows at Mettur as stipulated by the Tribunal in view of the situation being faced in the Cauvery basin of Tamil Nadu.

(b) As per the inflow data into the Mettur reservoir furnished by the Government of Tamil Nadu, there is a cumulative shortage of 42.90 TMC till 28th February, 2002 as against the flow of198.27 TMC from June 1, 2001 to 28th February, 2002 stipulated bythe Tribunal. However, the Government of Karnataka has stated that as per the inflows observed at Biligundulu and estimated contribution from the catchment between Biligundulu and Mettur reservoir, it has fulfilled its obligation to the end of February, 2002 to ensure the stipulated flow at Mettur reservoir during this year.